

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pet identification method comprising;
acquiring a noseprint of said pet;
taking a photograph of said pet;
collecting identifying data about said pet;
entering said noseprint, said photograph and data into a database;

assigning an identification number to said pet;
whereby a lost pet can be identified by retrieving data or said noseprint from said database.
2. The method according to Claim 1 in which said pet is a dog.
3. The method according to Claim 2 in which said step of acquiring a noseprint of said pet comprises; taking a closeup photograph of a pet's nose with a closeup camera.
4. The method according to Claim 3 in which said closeup camera takes photographs at a 3X to 5X magnification.
5. The method according to Claim 2 in which said step of acquiring a noseprint comprises; applying a porous pad having a marking composition to said pet's nose; applying a fibrous substrate impregnator with a developer to said pet's nose and a disposable ink applicator whereby the ink is on the opposite side of the inked frame and never comes in contact with dogs nose but is pressed lightly against the disposable ink film and impression of noseprint clearly is applied to paper attachment

to the ink side which is registration form for the dog's noseprint.

6. The method according to Claim 2 in which said step of acquiring a noseprint comprises; forming a flexible pad having ink on one side and a printable material on a second side; whereby when said flexible pad is pressed against a dog's nose a print is created on said printable material.

7. The method according to Claim 6 in which said flexible pad comprises; a flexible plastic attached to a window on said one side, an interior surface of said flexible window coated with an indelible ink.

8. The method according to Claim 7 in which said printable material comprises a registration form having an area for said noseprint and areas for entering data about said dog.

9. The method according to Claim 8 in which said registration form has fields for applying said noseprint and fields for printing the animal's name, type, license number, breed, color, and sex.

10. The method according to Claim 1 including printing and identification card for an owner.

11. The method according to Claim 10 in which said printed identification card is printed with a description of the animal, color, breed, weight, sex, name of owner, photograph of animal, identification number, and noseprint.

12. The method according to Claim 1 including searching

said database; said search through said database comprising; pattern matching a lost pet's noseprint with a noseprint in said database.

13. The method according to Claim 12 including producing lost pet notices regarding whether a match is found in said database; transmitting said notices to locations where a lost pet may be kept.

14. The method according to Claim 1 including receiving a form with information regarding a lost pet; entering data regarding said lost pet into said database system; searching said database for data corresponding to information on said form; producing lost pet notices from the data found in the database search; transmitting the lost pet notices to locations where a lost pet may be found.

15. The method according to Claim 14 including searching said database for a corresponding dog identification and owner name.

16. The method according to Claim 14 including searching said database for a corresponding noseprint to identify said lost pet.